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East Hartford Library Hosts Tobacco Shed Presentation **"Tobacco Sheds: Vanishing Treasures in the Connecticut River Valley"**

(April 8, 2016) **East Hartford, CT** – Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc released the following on behalf of the East Hartford Public Library:

Dale and Darcy Cahill will present "Tobacco Sheds: Vanishing Treasures in the Connecticut River Valley" on **April 26, 2016, at 6:30 pm** at the East Hartford Public Library.

The Cahills have spent over a decade photographing the Connecticut River Valley's tobacco sheds. Additionally, they have collected stories from current and former tobacco workers, written two books with Schiffer Publishing about the sheds, and were awarded the prestigious Archie Green Grant from the American Folk Life Center at the Library of Congress to conduct oral history interviews for their project ***Tobacco Workers in the Connecticut River Valley***.

The Cahills, described by Kris Bierfelt, editor of *Historic New England Magazine*, as "citizen preservationists," will deliver a presentation that will combine historic information about tobacco farming, personal stories from tobacco workers past and present, and thoughts about what they see as the possible future for the Connecticut River Valley's monumental farm structures.

The Cahills will share photographs of tobacco sheds in all stages of existence. They also hope to spark conversations with audience members about their own unique perspectives on and experiences of tobacco farming.

Dale and Darcy will have copies of both of their books for sale, along with prints, stationary, and framed tobacco leaves.

There is no cost to attend this event, but seating is limited. Registration is required: call 860-290-4329 or go to the "Programs" link found on the homepage of the East Hartford Public Library website, <http://www.easthartfordct.gov/library>, to register.

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